GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2673
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CLOSURE OF LPG AGENCIES
GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAV

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG agencies lying closed at present in the country and particularly in Rajasthan and the reasons therefor ;

(b) whether the Government are contemplating to reopen these agencies ; (

(c) if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) if not, the alternative arrangements made in this regard ?

Answer

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PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) : As on 1.12.2002, 226 LPG distributorships of Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are lying closed in the country including 6 in the State of Rajasthan due to various reasons like involvement in malpractices, violation of distributorship agreements etc.

(b) & (c) : As a matter of policy, OMCs do not restore the agencies which have been terminated on account of irregularities / misconduct.

(d) : The customers of terminated distributors are being served through the nearest distributor available in the market, till the commissioning of a regular distributor in place of terminated distributor.